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CAPACITY OF CELLS USING
TELOMERASE REVERSE TRANSCRIPTASE

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Examiner: J. Eric Angell, Ph.D.

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR § 1.116

Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria VA 22313

Dear Sir,

This paper is responsive to the most recent Office Action in this application, dated March 17, 2005, for which a response was due June 17, 2005. Accompanying this Response is a Request for a two month extension of time, along with authorization to charge the Deposit Account with the requisite fee. Accordingly, this paper is timely filed.

The amendments and remarks presented below are believed to place the application in better condition for allowance or appeal. Accordingly, applicants request that it be entered into the file, pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.116.